GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4968
ANSWERED ON:20.12.2000
VISIT OF BRITISH SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS
MADHAVRAO SCINDIA;RENUKA CHOWDHURY;SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the British Secretary of State for Home Affairs, Mr. Jack Straw, visited India in August-September this year;

(b) if so, the details of the issues discussed with him;

(c) whether the issue of India`s permanent membership of the UN Security Council was taken up;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the issue of withdrawal of sanctions was also taken up; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) &(b) Yes, Sir. Mr. Jack Straw, British Foreign Secretary visited India from 4-9 September 2000 at the invitation of Home Minister. During this visit, he had discussions with Home Minister on several issues of mutual concern, including joint action against international terrorism, issues pertaining to consular and immigration matters as well as extradition. This visit was part of an on-going dialogue with the British Government.

(c) No, Sir, the issue of India`s permanent membership of the UN Security Council was not taken up during this visit.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.